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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Haarala et al. CONFIRMATION NO. 3578
SERIAL NO.: 09/838,618 GROUP NO.: 3754
FILING DATE: April 19, 2001 EXAMINER: P. Buechner
TITLE: Catheter Slit Valves

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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the reference listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the references are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☐ (1) within three (3) months of the **Filing Date** or before the mailing date of the **First Office Action** on the merits; or
- ☒ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance**, and
- ☒ the requisite Statement is below, **OR**
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- ☐ (3) after the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance** but before the payment of the **Issue Fee**, **AND**
- ☐ Applicant hereby Petitions the Commissioner to accept and consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement, **AND**
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **AND**

- ☐ the requisite petition fee due under Rule 1.17(i)(I), namely **\$130.00** is included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the references shown on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

As required under §1.97(e), Applicants, through the undersigned, hereby state either that [check the appropriate space]:

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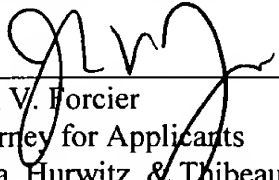
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Should any fee associated with the submission of this paper not be attached hereto as a check, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the missing fee to our Deposit Account, No. 20-0531. Any overpayments should be credited to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Racicot

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith are:

1. Transmittal Form (1 pg.);
2. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.);
3. Third Supplemental Form PTO-1449 (1 pgs.);
4. Cited References A12-A15
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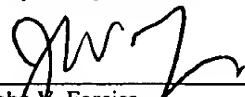
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